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Greetings:

The following is filed in timely response to the final Office Action mailed on February 21, 2006, wherein the Examiner:

1. Acknowledged election of Group I of the claims.
2. Rejected Claims 1-2, 6-7, and 14-15 under Section 102(b) as anticipated by Lean et al., U.S. Patent No. 3,791,715.
3. Rejected Claims 5 and 11-13 under Section 103(a) as unpatentable over Lean et al. as applied to Claim 1, and further in view of Ulrich, U.S. Patent No. 3,905,676.
4. Rejected Claims 3-4, 8-10, and 21-23 under Section 103(a) as unpatentable over Lean et al. as applied to Claim 1.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper. Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper. A one-page Exhibit is enclosed at the end of this paper.

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